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On behalf of the Sophomore class the staff of '16 presents its second class edition with the hope that it will meet with the approval of every reader. It is the Sophomore's privilege to write up the hike and every effort has been put forth to give an interesting and accurate account of this great event. However, it is to be regretted that we are not able to display more and better photographs of hike events: Extreme cloudiness during the first two days made photography practically impossible, considering this and the excellent (?) service we are tendered we feel lucky to have hike cuts at all.

To those who have aided in the publication of this issue, whether with drawings, literary efforts or helpful suggestions, the editor desires to express his sincere appreciation.

Recently President Wilson told what it feels like to be president. To tell what it feels like to be a Sophomore is about an equally difficult task, in spite of the fact that we have become accustomed to the dignity to which we, as Freshmen, eagerly looked forward to attaining. Being now arrived at the mid-point of our journey through college, we are confronted by problems upon whose solution the success of the rest of our journey depends. To those who faithfully prepare each daily task and retire with that peaceful feeling of work well done, the future holds no forbidding aspect, but to those who shirk and loaf, the unborn tomorrows hold nothing but a repetition of the day's worry and grind.

During his Freshman year a college student is not in the best position to see clearly all that lies about him. For the most part he arrives from high school and enters upon a strange life among strange people. Conditions are continually changing, each day unfolds some new problem before he has completed that of the day before and in this manner his first year passes in a maze of new thoughts, ideas and expressions.

But now that the Sophomore year is nearly completed it is the logical point to stop and consider with no

small degree of seriousness the progress made thus far. Perfectly familiar with college machinery by now, the Sophomore should review the past carefully and attempt to sketch the probable future. Mistakes have been made—seek the cause that they may not be repeated. Failures, perhaps, have been experienced—study conditions to defeat them. Review the standards of your college; get a line on yourself now that you be not found wanting when the final test comes.

The habits and characteristics prevalent in a Sophomore are features that will predominate in the finished college man. Now is the time for every class-mate to see that he stands right. Cultivate those habits which will maintain one in the high estimation of not only his college associates, but of those who he must come in contact in the outside world.

The Sophomore is given credit as one who considers himself inordinately wise—granted; but let it be further stated that the truly wise are those who are able to see just how much they have yet to learn. The Sophomore is the man for the job in this case. Let him balance the two past years with the two of the future and judge wisely and well for himself that he may enter the great game of life completely equipped and prepared to prove the college man to be the man of the day.

In looking over the recent edition of the Freshman Battalion, we must praise it for its merit, but there is one criticism—too many ads for the size of the publication. In putting out this edition, we have tried to limit the ads and depend more on the class to furnish the cash.

The Sophomores have responded generously to the cause, realizing that the success of this publication depended more on what they did than on the combined efforts of the managers. If you like the Soph. Bat., give the credit to the class, and not to the staff.

It would have been impossible to enter the cartoons and hike pictures but for the financial support of the class.

FROM 31 MITCHELL.

As the last finishing touch was applied to the Sophomore Battalion, many hours after that peaceful call of "Taps" had sounded, the editor glanced at his paper-littered table and sighed: "And when I have done my best I am content. Good night."

Will "H" Company continue to play pranks on Capt. Stelzig? It is to be doubted. His plan of giving "at ease" instead of "rest" will probably keep the mischievous ones quiet for a while.

WHAT SOME OF THE PROFS. THINK ABOUT THE FRISCO TRIP.

Prof. Reddich—"An excellent pleasure trip."

Prof. Bolton—"It will mean much from a technical, as well as a general educational standpoint."

Prof. McAdams—"There could not be a better opportunity."

Prof. Hayden—"I'm going East that summer."

Prof. Stewart—"If I'm here I'm going."

Prof. Kennedy—"Texas will be there strong."

Prof. Kyle—"It will be worth a year in school, and it will be of especial value to horticulturists."

Prof. Wood—"I would not miss it if I were a student."

Hon. Ike Ashburn—"It will be the greatest fair ever held, and you cannot possibly go for less money than with the corps."

Prof. Burns—"Breeders from all over the world will exhibit their stock there."

Prof. Spence—"If I were a student, I would certainly go."

Prof. Chastain—"You can never see the same scenery as cheaply."

Prof. Geist—"Traveling is one of the best forms of education."

Prof. McPheeters—"The trip will be much more enjoyable, owing to the fact that you will be with someone you know."

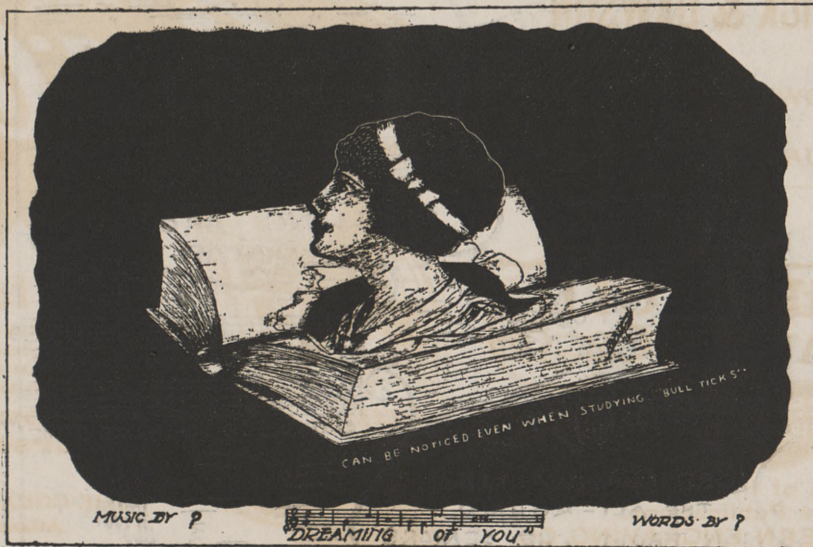
Lieut. Brown—"It will be an excellent trip from an educational, pleasure and military viewpoint."

G. C. MOFFETT,
San Francisco Editor.

JOHN W. NEWTON, '12, RESIGNS INSTRUCTORSHIP TO ENTER COMMERCIAL FIELD.

Mr. John W. Newton, '12, has tendered his resignation, effective April 15, as instructor in the chemistry department of College to accept a position as chemist for the Magnolia Petroleum Company of Beaumont. He will handle the analysis and test work in the laboratories of this firm. This position, which is considered a good advancement in the chemical career of Mr. Newton, was made available to him as a result of his efficient work in the department.

The chemistry department has on hand many letters, offering good positions in the field of chemistry, especially the commercial end. The scarcity of A. & M. chemical engineers, however, prevents the department from supplying the demand for them. It is a regrettable fact that A. & M. has no chemical engineering seniors in the class of 1914.



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